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and many others in the United States and around the globe!!!

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The following is a QST

The FCC says no to a proposal that would make Technician Plus license holders into instant Advanced class hams. Also, two California hams fail to appeal a state court order barring them from a repeater. This could open the legal door to run off other unwanted users of repeaters nationwide. These stories and more on Newsline report number 878 coming your way right now!

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COMBO PETITION DENIED

The Amateur Radio Industry Group's Slow-Code proposal could be in for some rough sledding if the FCC keeps to its current position of denying any request to change the structure of ham radio licensing. It did so once again on May 13th when it flatly refused to consider a request from the Cass County Amateur Radio Club aimed at combining the Technician Plus, the Advanced General class licenses into one.

The Cass County group claimed that the majority of hams are dissatisfied with the current operator class arrangement. It wanted all three to be combined into a single license with full privileges.

But the FCC gave the Cass County petition the same traditional wave-off it has to every other request since it enacted no-code almost three years ago. It said that the matter has been looked into many times in the past and as far as the Commission is concerned, hams are very happy with the current five class system.

Therefore the petition is denied and no changes to the Part 97 licensing structure will take place in the foreseeable future.

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SLOW-CODE

Word of the amateur radio industry group's plan to seek a relaxation of Morse code requirements for HF privileges continues to spread and hams have plenty to say about the proposal. At the recent BirmingHAMFest and Alabama ARRL State convention, radio amateurs expressed both opposition and support for the idea:

"I don't much care for it myself. Just personally the 13 wpm barrier is not that big of a barrier if someone wants to participate in hf and use those privileges. I don't think it is that much of an obstacle."

"I think it's a gimmick. If you can do 10 wpm you can do 13

wpm."

"Personally I think it would have an adverse impact. I'm kind of from the old school that if I had to learn it everybody else should. There is a purpose for it, the hf bands are crowded already. I think it might cause a problem."

"You can't condemn somebody cause maybe they're not quite as fast on code. Because they are not quite as adept at it. If it opens it up to increase more communication, then I think it would be a benefit."

As we go to air the Amateur Radio Industry Group has not yet fled its slow-code proposal to the FCC, but that filing could happen at any time.

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NO APPEAL

It appears as if an Orange County California Superior Court decision to issue a restraining that bars two hams from operation on an area repeater will stand. This is because Anthony Cardenas, WA6IGJ and Drew Feldman, N3KSO have failed to file an appeal to the order in the allotted time period.

As a result, the matter now becomes a part of California legal record and can be used as case precedent by attorneys for other repeater licensees who are trying to bar those deemed to be undesirable from operating on a given repeater.

In theory, the same case law could be applied to other disputes. These might include hams accused of harassing high frequency nets or packet bulletin boards that want to stop the postings of a specific board user to name only two.

Right now, the legal precedent developed in this case by Attorney Sid Ratus, N6OMS is only applicable in California. However, repeater trustees in other states who are facing similar problems are expected to try the same legal method of removing unwanted users from their repeaters as well.

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YOUNG HAM OF THE YEAR '94

Allison Daneen Zettwoch, KD4CKP is now officially the 1994 Westlink Report Young Ham of the year. Allison accepted the honor at the Sea Pack Convention in Seaside Oregon. We have this report.

"I recruit people that are very active and enjoy the hobby. They come and they help. They are not here to take it over, they

want to help. Because I couldn't do it all by myself, I don't see how you all can. But I have found that I really enjoy the hobby. I like all the bands. I like cw and I like voice. I'm starting to enjoy packet as well. My father has said that is something I need to learn how to do. So I just want to thank everybody once again for all your hospitality and support. I couldn't have done it without you. Thank you." Allison Daneen Zettwoch, KD4CKP
Westlink Report Young Ham of the Year '94.

Newsline joins with hams nationwide in congratulating 15 year old Allison Daneen Zettwoch, KD4CKP -- the 1994 Westlink Report Young Ham of the Year.

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CUBAN-AMERICAN JOINT CONTEST OPERATION

For the first time in more than thirty-five years, a team of American ham radio operators has joined their Cuban counterparts in a joint international radiosporting effort. Traveling at the invitation of the Federation de Radioaficionados de Cuba, the United States team was lead by Joe Lynch, N6CL and included Lauren Libby, KX00, Chip Margelli, K7JA and Janet Margelli, WA7WMB.

The four American hams operated in the ARRL VHF QSO Party using special call signs C00FRC for the primary operation and C020J/R as the "rover" entry. Highlights of the operation included the first ever QSO's from Cuba on 222 MHz. and 1296 MHz. and a moonbounce contact with W5UN.

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NEWSLINE UPDATE

Here is the latest on the financial crisis still facing Newsline. As you can tell, we are here once again this week, but keeping Newsline in operation is still day to day.

To help cut operating expenses even further, we are instituting several policy changes that are effective immediately.

First, we will no longer return telephone calls requesting information about the Newsline or what telephone lines service your area. Please put those requests in writing to our post office box address and include a self addressed stamped envelope. Information requests received without an S.A.S.E. will not be answered.

If you have a problem in accessing either of our California lines being inoperative you can call or fax us at our (805) 296-2407 office line. We will not call you back, but we will do our best to restore the service as quickly as we can.

On the other hand, if the problem concerns any line outside of California, do not call Newsline. We cannot help you. Please be

advised that all lines outside of California are all run by independent volunteers and Newsline has no control over their operation. Calling us wastes your time and money. In fact, we are rarely even in direct contact with those operating outside delivery lines and cannot help you in any way.

Until further notice, the only telephone calls that Newsline will respond to are those dealing with news stories. If you send us a story by electronic mail, fax or leave it on our telephone service, we must have your telephone number so we can check out the facts. Stories that come to us without that information will be regarded as rumor and will be immediately discarded.

If we are able to survive the current fiscal crunch, Newsline is considering going to a bi-weekly service during July and August. The summer months is the time when little or no financial subsidy is available. We feel that going bi-weekly on alternate weeks from the publication of the three national ham radio Newsletters could carry us through the doldrums of the summer months. No definite decision has been made on this. We will let you know when we do decide.

Finally, any radio club or ham convention requesting a Newsline speaker will be required to defray all expenses for that person. Simply said, we at Newsline no longer have the capital to do that.

We apologize to anyone inconvenienced by these policy changes, but they are necessary if Newsline is to survive and to remain a viable news and information service to ham radio that is essentially free.

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GOLDWATER

The elder statesman of Amateur Radio is coming to a commercial radio station near you. U.S. Senator Barry M. Goldwater, K7UGA, has accepted an invitation to be Len Winkler's Ham Radio and More on Sunday afternoon, June the 26th. Winkler says that the show will be devoted to a discussion that everyone knows is close to Barry Goldwater's heart and you can also talk to K7UGA:

"On June 26th we have Senator Barry Goldwater, K7UGA. We're going to talk about ham radio. He loves to talk about ham. So he'll be on the national show. We are looking very much forward to it. The last time he was on, the lines were lit from the beginning of the show till the very end. Loves to talk about ham radio." Len Winkler, KB7LPW.

Winkler, whose call sign is KB7LPW says that anyone can tune in on Ham Radio and More if there is a Talk America station in your area:

"The show is on the Talk America Network which is on many local affiliates through the United States. It could be also heard on satellite via Spacenet 3, transponder 9, 6.8 audio. It airs every Sunday live at 6:00 pm Eastern time." Len Winkler, KB7LPW.

Again that's Barry Goldwater, K7UGA on Ham Radio and More on June 26th over the Talk America Network, nationwide.

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Resolution gains majority

The Amateur Radio Service Joint Resolution 199, now has a majority of the US House of Representatives as cosponsors. The Resolution seeks formal recognition of the value of Amateur Radio to the country, would support Amateur Radio as "national policy," and would encourage rules and regulations to facilitate Amateur Radio as a public benefit by encouraging new technologies. Including Resolution sponsor Jim Cooper the total number of voting sponsors is now 218. There are currently 434 Representatives in the House.

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TANDY EDUCATION

The Tandy Corporation has begun using information from the ARRL's entry level text Now You're Talking and from the ARRL Handbook to illustrate antenna fundamentals and schematic symbols. This, for use in its training certification program for store personnel. The Now You're Talking entry level study program is sold in Radio Shack outlets.

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QST ON THE STANDS

Begging this July, QST Magazine will be available on news stands nationwide. According to the League, the only difference between the news stand and member versions of QST will be the magazines cover. The news stand version will have a significantly different look and will include teasers for the stories inside. The traditional version of QST will still be sold by radio stores and parts suppliers as well.

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VHF CONFERENCE

The Central States VHF Society's annual conference will be held July 28th to the 30th in Memphis, Tennessee, and a call for

papers has been issued. For information on the technical program or submission of papers, contact Joel Harrison, WB5IGF, 528 Miller Rd, Judsonia, Arkansas 72081.

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IARU NEWS

On the international scene, word that the Ukrainian Amateur Radio League is the newest member society of the International Amateur Radio Union. President of the UARL and its IARU liaison is Nickolai Gostry, UT5UT; secretary is George A. Chlijanc, UY5XE. Also from the former Soviet Union news that the Union of Radio Amateurs of Russia has applied for IARU membership as well. Finally, the new address for the UA and RL prefix QSL bureau is PO Box 56, Kiev 252001 Ukraine.

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HACKERS PUBLISH SECRET PAPERS

It's the revenge of the computer hackers. According to a report in the San Francisco Examiner, a group of hackers, apparently angry at government attempts to place restraints on what they feel is their freedom to communicate using any electronic means at their disposal, have distributed on a National Security Agency employee manual over the Internet. The report said that the manual was intended for internal NSA use only but the hackers found a way to distribute it on Internet. They also sent copies to several news organizations. This, apparently to embarrass the government and prove that there is no way to keep anything secret from a hacker.

The government believes that the computer users who distributed the document hoped to undermine a federal push for data-encryption regulations that would allow the government to tap into private communications on computer networks.

The Clinton administration wants all new computers to contain a microchip that would allow the government to tap into any electronic transmission. Officials say that is necessary to monitor criminal, espionage and terrorist activities.

The manual distributed describes the basic goals and duties of NSA workers. It first appeared on a Texas-based hackers network the week of April 4th. The identity of the person who initially obtained the document and the method used are so far unknown.

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